



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Dunfee et al.)
Filed: July 18, 2003)
Serial No.: 10/623,354) Group Art Unit: 1743
Title: Liquid Sampling Probe and Cleaning) Examiner: Cross, Latoya I.
Fluidics System)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

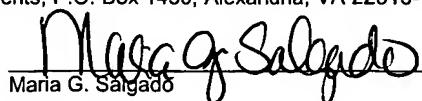
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated September 9, 2005, in which claims 1-6 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the continued application on its merits and reconsideration of the now-claimed invention.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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